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Serial No. 10/601,313)	
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Filed June 20, 2003)	Group Art Unit 3671
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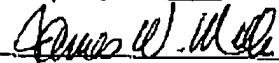
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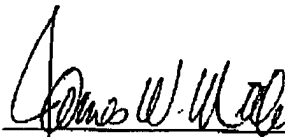
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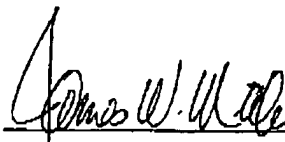
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